

# UNDERSTANDING FINANCIAL AID

# SCHOLARSHIP TIPS



## TIPS FOR SUCCESS

## TIPS FOR SUCCESS

### 1. Follow directions

- If there is a length limit on your response, follow it
- Include all supporting documents that are requested
  - ❖ Save these in one place for future use

### 2. Be specific and detailed about your past challenges as well as achievements

- Be honest and be yourself
- Don't use profane or crude language

### 3. Indicate "Not Applicable (N/A)" where appropriate

### 4. Don't leave questions blank

### 5. Complete all sections

### 6. Pay attention to deadlines

- Understand whether the application deadline is based upon "postmarked by" vs. "received by"
- Make a calendar appointment to mail or follow up as needed
- Don't miss deadlines

### 7. Proofread! Proofread! Proofread! And then have someone else proofread.

### 8. If you're awarded, send a thank you note.

### 9. Be sure to stay within the scholarship award guidelines to be considered again!

---

## RESOURCES

### Colorado resources to research scholarships:

- Scholarships by Super College  
<https://supercollege.com/scholarships.cfm>

### Free online proofreading resources:

- <https://www.grammarly.com/proofreading>
- <https://proofreadingtool.com/>
- <https://www.paperrater.com/>